

TEC's Membership for 1967 has gone over the 300 mark, and the wonderful thing is that over 100 people have already paid their 1968 dues.

REMEMBER, this is your last reminder to pay your 1968 dues. No pay, no Jan, Feb., March, 1968 copy of TEC NEWS. TEC NEWS comes out quarterly, and we hope to give a new membership elongated every year. For 1968, it will be the TEC OWL.

Sorry I have had to disappoint you twice this month. One, the Newsletter is late, and I have a good excuse. The typewriter has broken down twice (The 1st repair bill is over \$80.) IBM SELECTRIC's are expensive to fix. Don't worry, this is not a TEC expense, just an inconvenience. My second disappointment to Club Members, is that I promised the Membership 1968 coin with the Dec. News, and I can't send it. The die was engraved wrong. A lot of people will say, "Oh, they make errors on purpose to have more to sell." But remember 'I'm DONATING' the Membership coins for 1968. Can you imagine me asking the engraver to have the die annealed, then the "7" ground off of "1967" then Re-Engraving it back to "1967"? Then having it hardened? I think you all realize, NO ONE would EVER do this on purpose. But this is exactly what did happen to the "TEC OWL". I apologize to you all, and it will be January before the die gets Re-Engraved, and as soon as it is, I'll send all the coins to Alice Moon, The Secretary, to get them right out to you, so all you that haven't paid your 1968 dues, get them in now. Even if you joined in Dec., 1967 and got the hand engraved elongated with your name on it, your dues are due again, as of Jan 1, 1968. TEC Board and Officers feel the Membership coin alone, is worth the dues of \$2.00, as anyone joining in 1968, if they weren't a member in 1967, they can never get this elongated, unless they get one with someone else's name on it.

As of the end of 1967, we have 306 members. One in South Africa, 10 in Canada, and 295 in 35 different states. Number of members in each State, starting with the highest: CALIF., 66; ILL., 30; N.Y., 23; IND., 18; PENN., 18; ARIZ., 16; OHIO, 16; MICH., 12; COLO., 11; WISC., 11; FLA., 8; N.J., 8; TEX., 8; IOWA, 5; MO., 5; CONN., 4; KANSAS, 4; MINN., 4; ARK., 3; MD., 3; MASS., 3; VA., 3; KY., 2; MAINE, 2; OREGON, 2; ALA., 1; HAWAII, 1; NEB., 1; N.H., 1; LA., 1; N.C., 1; N.D., 1; OKLA., 1; R.I., 1; and WASH., 1.

GREAT NEWS FOR "TEC". Starting with 1968, TEC NEWS has a NEW EDITOR. And quite a capable one I might add. He has helped write up newsletters for several Calif. Clubs, so he's had lots of experience, and is used to lots of hard work.

It's a shame that such Terrific Talent should be wasted on just State Papers, but should be recognized by the International Organization. SO BE IT. Ed McClung, it is indeed with honor, that I bestow on you the title "EDITOR OF TEC NEWS".

I'm sure the paper is due for a big improvement. Maybe now I'll have a little time to keep up with correspondence and to work on my next book on elongated coins, since the 1st Edition is all sold out. "Bebbee's, Inc., in Omaha, Nebraska" still has a few copies left. If any other dealer has any copies of "THE ELONGATED COLLECTOR" for sale, please let me know, so we can advertise them free for you in the TEC NEWS.

Please address all future correspondence for "NEW ISSUES", "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR", "ARTICLES", "ELONGATED EXHIBITORS", "SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ISSUES", or anything else you think should be in "TEC NEWS" to: ED MCCLUNG, TEC NEWS EDITOR, P.O. BOX 2443, Riverside, Calif. 92506.

I have been putting out newsletters to "Elongated Collectors" since Nov. 1964, (long before we organized "TEC"), over 3 years. I started out with Monthly letters, then in 1966 it changed to Bi-Monthly, and when TEC was organized in Aug. of 1966, I discontinued my News Letter "THE ELONGATED NEWS", as of Dec. of 1966, and continued on with just the TEC NEWS. As of the Convention in Aug. 1967, it was voted on by the board and officers, to change the Newsletter to Quarterly because it has been quite costly to put out, and we did not wish to raise the dues, as we might have lost a lot of members.

I will still keep working with Ed McClung, and give him any help that he needs to give TEC Members a good Newsletter, and it will take the help of every member in the club to keep him informed of everything new in "The Elongated World".

Ed McClung has also been appointed as "TEC CONVENTION CHAIRMAN" for the Convention at San Diego in Aug., 1968. This will be TEC's 2nd Annual Meeting. There will be a TEC CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING in Feb., 1968. It will be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in L.A. at the Southern Calif. Num. Ass'n. Convention, Feb. 15-18, 1968. All TEC members are invited to attend. I will be there too.

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS OF TEC,

We are now nearing a time that is critical to any new organization. That is the time when the second years dues are due. There are many people that will join a new organization but will drop out when dues paying time comes around. TEC has grown in membership far beyond our expectations for its first year of activity, and has every indication of being constructed on a solid foundation, but the real test will be when we see how many members will extend their membership for the second year.

TEC NEWS is by far worth more to the collector of elongateds than our dues price of \$2.00. It has many interesting items written by different members and giving different views on subjects dealing with elongated coins. I'm sure I don't want to miss a single copy. Also the listing of new issues is a valuable column to the collector. How else could we know about all the new issues that are manufactured by the different rollers. Another great advantage of TEC is that it brings elongated collectors together that would probably never have met otherwise. Also in the past year there have been 3 elongateds, namely the TEC OWL, the TEC CONVENTION BADGE, and the TEC MEMBERSHIP ELONGATED COIN, that were available to TEC members only. This privilege alone is well worth the \$2.00 dues.

I am therefore urging every member to get their dues in early. You will be doing yourself a favor as well as TEC. 1968 dues are due Jan. 1, 1968, and I hope all will pay on time. Sending out notices that dues are in arrears is a costly proposition just in postage alone, and I'm sure TEC can use that money to a better advantage. Let's all get behind TEC so it will continue to prosper and be the kind of organization we are proud to be a member of.

Lloyd E. Wagaman, Vice President of TEC

If your TEC # is 1 thru 271, there was a TEC Convention Badge made for you. Have you ordered it from ALICE MOON, TEC SECRETARY, 9312 W. Fort St., Detroit, Michigan 48209? Cost is \$2.30 P.P. It is beautiful, rolled on a 1967 Unc. Canadian Quarter. There are a lot of members that joined after the Convention, and if you don't get your badge with your # on it. They will be happy to get them. Order your badge now before it is too late, they were only to be held to Jan. 1, 1968 for you, but if you hurry, your # might still be left. TEC can also use the money, we have high plans for the future.

OUR CONDOLENCES go to JUDY SABEL, one of the Founding Members of TEC, who lost her husband on Dec. 5th. If there is anything I or any of the other members of TEC can do for you Judy, please let us know. Most of us know how hard it is to lose a loved one.

PUBLICITY:

NUMISMATIC NEWS again outdid itself. Not only did Elongateds get over a quarter of a page in the December 4th issue on Page 16, but CLIFFORD MISHLER also joined TEC. Clif, we are indeed honored to have you as a member.

COIN WORLD had a nice write up on elongated coins in the Dec. 13th, 1967 issue, and Mentioned the officers elected for TEC in their Jan. 3, 1968 issue (Page 20). We thank you Margo Russell, also we welcome you as a member of TEC. We really have some prominent people as members, and we love them all.

Did I forget anyone? if so let us know, I know that TEC Publicity has been great during 1967, NUMISMATIC NEWS, COIN WORLD, WESTERN COIN COLLECTOR (Barbara Rader is a member of TEC), ASNA Newsletter, R.V. BRANDENBURG, FAY SMITH, COINage (Lee Martin), JOHN CLYMER, may TEC thank you all again for your publicity during 1967, if we can get as much in 1968, we can't help but grow.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ISSUES: LARRY KELLY, "The Wright Brothers Airplane", or "One with just a Dollar sign on it (\$), for the serious investors".

SAMUEL CHING, "I am surprised that with all the elongateds you have put out in the past years, you have completely forgotten about the "BATTLESHIP ARIZONA" sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. She is still resting there with most of her crew entombed in her hull. A memorial is built over her sunken hull, and the flag is raised over her every day."

SAM VAN DERHOEF, "How about an elongated on the QUEEN MARY and its new home at Long Beach? This is a ship everyone has heard of for years and it seems like it would be nice to have one since it is going to be in our country now."

NEW ISSUES:

R.W. LUCHTMAN, Box 42, Arivaca, Arizona, 85601, has 2 new elongateds to offer. VIRGINIA CITY, and also LAKE TAHOE, they are 50¢ each. If you are a new collector, and need his Catholic & Protestant L.P.'s include an extra 10¢ for postage, and you will get all 4 elongateds for \$1.10. This offer is good only until Jan. 31st, after that time they will be a straight 50¢ each. If you only want 1 or 2 coins, they are still 50¢ each.

Make check to: PIKES PEAK COUNCIL BSA, send to: Ed Rochette, 2513 Pine Bluff, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909, for elongated with the following wording, "A CENT-I-MENT OF APPRECIATION, REGION 8 ANNUAL MEETING, 11-3-67, PIKES PEAK COUNCIL B.S.A." Only 750 of these were made. Price is 50¢ ea., but if you don't want to make a check for 50¢, feel free to make it for more, as it is TAX DEDUCTABLE (over 50¢), and it sure is for a worthwhile group. Only 400 are for sale to collectors.

LLOYD E. WAGAMAN, ROUTE 1, Box 201F, Camby, Indiana 46113, just rolled the following dies on 1967 Jefferson Nickels, and is selling them at 75¢ each. (These are not NEW ISSUES, but the coins he has made during 1967, and is just now issuing them on nickles): NEBRASKA, KENTUCKY, OKLAHOMA, MISSISSIPPI, ALASKA, HOBBY HORSE, BLAHA STORE CARD, VAN DERHOEF STORE CARD, AND WAGAMAN STORE CARD.

A.A.ROSATO, 44 BANK ST., NEW MILFORD, CONN. 06776, has 9 new elongateds to offer. He is doing his own engraving, and I must say, doing a very nice job of it. Most of these are in limited issue, so ask for his sheet on "LIMIT ISSUE", when ordering the coins. The following 5 elongateds are priced at \$1.00 each on cents, and \$1.50 each on dimes: A.A. ROSATO CARD TYPE II, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EAGLE, 1967 NENA CONFERENCE-Inverted Map ERROR, DANBURY COIN CLUB 10th Anniversary, CHARLES A LINDBERG--LUCKY LINDY. The following 2 elongateds are priced at 75¢ each on cents, and \$1.50 each on dimes; World Peace-PRAYING HANDS, and MERRY CHRISTMAS 1967 (Santa). He also has JOHN F. KENNEDY @ 75¢ on 1¢, and \$1.25 on 10¢., and 1967 NENA CONFERENCE, Corrected Mapline @50¢ on 1¢, and \$1.50 on 10¢.

RALPH JONES, 3048 N. 3rd St., Phila. Penna., 19133. Now has "American Elongated coin Association", Convention Badge Rolled on a Half dollar, Badge is dated for 1st convention of AECA (Dec. 10, 1966), Badge is \$3.00, and available only to members of AECA in 1966. Ralph also has 6 new elongateds for his PRESIDENTIAL SERIES: R.J.J. JEFFERSON, MONROE, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, ANDREW JACKSON, MARTIN VAN BUREN, AND WM. HENRY HARRISON, these 6 are available to all at 50¢ each.

DOTTIE DOW, Box 5238, Phoenix, Ariz. 85010, has the following 8 elongateds to offer: HAPPY NEW YEAR, RE-ENGRAVED DATE "1968"; XMAS CAROLERS (Date Removed, now undated); THE CROSSES ON GOLGOTHA; YUMA COIN CLUB - RE-ENGRAVED "1967"; ROCKY MT. STATES COIN SHOW 1967 (Cute little miner on coin); CONSECRATION OF OUR EDUCATION BUILDING, DEC. 17, 1967, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, RIVERSIDE, CALIF.; CHANUKAH (First Jewish Holiday elongated known, see article in the "ARTICLE SECTION"); 2ND ANNIVERSARY NORTHERN VALLEY COIN CLUB, JANUARY, 1968 DEMAREST, N.J. (This N.J. one is not available until after Jan. 20th, until after they have their meeting). These 8 elongateds are priced at 50¢ each.

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ELONGATED EXHIBITORS:

R. McLEAN, of Moose Jaw, Sask, Canada, displayed his elongateds for the first time, and came off with the 1st prize trophy. He sent me a color photo of his display, and I can see why he won a first, it is very beautifully done, with lots of information.

SALLY KIRKA, of Manchester, Conn., displayed her State Flags at the TRI-STATE COIN CLUB at Danilson, Conn., and got a 2nd. She put her Canadian Elongateds in under "Foreign Coins", and got a 1st. This was on Oct. 1, 1967.

ELIZABETH L. CASE, of Burbank, Calif. displayed her elongateds for the first time at the "9th COIN SHOWCASE" put on by the "WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB", on Oct. 21-22, in Van Nuys, Calif.. She had 3 cases and showed the many types that can be collected and showed each World's Fair separately. A very simple exhibit (she says), but it took First Place in the Tokens and Medals Category, and BEST OF SHOW. This was Betty's first Best of Show. Thanks Betty, for helping to bring Elongateds to the top of the list. Many people, that were at the show, have written to me and told me what a beautiful job you did, so it seems that everyone agrees with the Judges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

JIM BETTON (President of THE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS), "Kudos to you for the excellent TEC NEWS Publication. I just wish we could elongate your energies to pep up a dozen or so Organizations out this way". (Jim is from Calif. where they have a LOT of good publications).

LUCILLE BLOOM, "Your trip to Florida sounded great. I was very pleased to hear you won a first place on your display. You also were on the beam when you offered to roll Mr. Bebee's 1913 nickel. We are particularly pleased with the Rocky Mountain Show 3-D elongateds. They sure did turn out nice. I certainly agree with the letter from Norman MacQuithy about having annual membership cards, and special elongateds for members only."

GERARD BRAITHWAITE, "Congratulations on your first attempt at art work. I like your "NOEL"."

ALVIN M. BUCKHOLTZ, "Received my TEC NEWS today and read it top to bottom, front to back, inside and outside. From your wonderful description of the ANA show, I felt as if I was there. Thank you so much for the "TOUR"."

JOHN CLYMER, "THEY SAY GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES. This is not always so, as the TEC NEWS is bigger and better. Sure glad to see us getting all the new members too."

EDWARD M. CUTLER, "Enjoyed reading about you and the 1913 nickel. By the way, how about putting out a rolled replica of it? After all, it is quite famous, as you well know". I think it would be a "goodie" Ed, but I can't roll nickels on my machine, how about you LLOYD WAGAMAN?

ELMER GROCHOWSKI, "I received the FD-FI '67 Elongated and First Day Cover yesterday and all I can say is that it is a BEAUTY. Thanks for making this item available to us".

RICHARD S. HELM, "Received the TEC NEWS, I am very pleased with the organization."

RALPH JONES, "All in all, the 1 1/2 hours I spent at the Elongated meeting, I enjoyed more than the whole 2 days I spent at the Coin Bourse. At TEC it just seemed you knew every one and every one was so friendly. Again I say I had a grand time".

ALEX P. KAISER, "THANK YOU VERY MUCH for the FD-FI Cover. It's something different to go into my Elongated Collection".

LARRY KELLY, "I received my First Day-First Issue Elongated today and have to admit I was very, very surprised. Especially since I didn't discover the elongated till I'd been through half of the paperwork. I just couldn't figure how they'd gotten my address. As soon as I saw the token, I KNEW. I have to admit I was very pleased with it and consider the new medium quite interesting. It appears to be both a new source and very probably one that will be a new and safe investment."

TOM A. LEVI, "Received your TEC NEWS, JULY-AUG.-SEPT., 1967 issue, and enjoyed reading every page. It's amazing what rolled coins have done for collectors of Moderate Means, I'm speaking of retired people. To me it's historical in miniature depictures of events."

ROBERT S. MALINSKI, "Being a real neophyte at collecting elongateds, I would appreciate an article or articles, in the TEC NEWS on the history of elongateds. This has possibly been done, but with all the new members it could be repeated again. I am enjoying my membership in TEC, and the collecting of elongateds. But I find myself in a quandry. Do I collect everything in sight? Do I specialize? If so, how do I choose a field? I realize the decision must be mine, but maybe a few tips by some of the "OLD PROS" stating how they collect might be of value to the beginner. Along the same line, maybe articles on the old classics of elongateds, the how, where, when and why would appeal to all members. The two issues I got of TEC NEWS has really opened my eyes and I see a new and exciting field. Keep up the excellent quality of the NEWS and the best of luck for the next 2 years as our president." (That's quite a letter for a beginning collector, and it has a lot of merit. That's why I printed the whole thing. I hope some of you older collectors will write to Bob, and others will submit articles for the next TEC NEWS.).

STEVE PENZES, "It has given me great pleasure to serve on the Board of TEC for 1966-1967, and I wish to thank all the members who voted for me to serve again for the new coming years, 1967-1969. I have made many good friends through the TEC Club, and hope to make many more through the years to come. My thanks to all."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont.):

GUS MECCARELLO, "I want to say thanks a million. What a Christmas present and surprise it was to get the FD-FI issue from "99". You were a little too modest in TEC NEWS about the surprise. I just hope all the members of TEC appreciate the time and effort you and "99 Co." went thru to get us this FD-FI of an Elongated Coin. The FIRST ELONGATED ever this way. It certainly should help the elongates to be a more popular hobby for more to enjoy. I've sent elongates to dealers and private collectors in these different countries: S. Africa, Brazil S.A., Korea, Japan, Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Israel, Canada and quite a few in England". Do hope you can get us a few members in England Gus, try hard.

WILL MORGAN, "My wife and I came to the ANA in Miami late Friday evening, and had to leave early Saturday morning. Sorry we were unable to meet you and your husband". (Me too! Dottie).

RITA STANKIEWICZ, "Thankyou, Dottie & 99 Co., for the BEAUTIFUL Xmas gift of the 1st Day, 1st Issue Elongated, it was a beautiful surprise."

SHIRLEY STROUGH, "I would like to suggest something that I think would be a help to collectors of Elongateds. Would it be possible for some one who knows to publish a list of all known rerolled elongateds in our paper. Let it be in the paper each month and any ones that show up be listed. I heard of a rolling machine for sale that has several of the original dies with it and am sure some one will buy it and roll some old Elongateds. I personally don't mind buying rerolled elongateds, if I know they are rerolled, but I sure hate to pay the price some people ask for them and then find they are rerolled." (Shirley you can be the first to help on this list by telling us what dies were on this machine you heard of. Any one else that has any information of rerolls can send me, (Dottie Dow), the information, and I will publish our findings within the next 6 months, sooner if I get quick, good response to this request.)

MARIE TRINNY, "Last month I gave a talk on Elongated Coins at the Daly City Coin Club, (South San Francisco). Sure was 'warmly' received. A friendly group. They presented me with an elongated I didn't have, plus an honorary membership."

ELIZABETH WEINZIRL, "Forgot to say how attractive and good looking the TEC CONVENTION BADGE is. I am very pleased to have one. Glad I got my money in early. Lloyd and his wife are to be complimented on the badge."

ERNEST WEIDHAAS, "Having received several letters from TEC Members wishing to purchase elongated coins, I wish to say I have none to sell, only to trade. I save New York World's Fair 1939-40, need the following #'s, 11, 12a, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 33a, 34, 34a, 35, 37, & 40. These are the "DOW #'s." I have 24 different elongateds to trade if you have any of these". (address: 255 Corlies Ave., Pelham, N.Y. 10803).

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THE STORY BEHIND THE "CHANUKAH" ELONGATED

By DON DOW

In the Year 3586, (175 B.C.), Antiochus IV, a descendant of one of Alexander's generals, and also a neurotic, tactless person became the ruler of the Jews. He began extracting heavy taxes and suppressing Jewish culture. Finally on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev, in the year 3593, (168 B.C.), he committed the unpardonable act of erecting an altar to the Greek God, Zeus, in the temple. This started a three year rebellion led by Judas Maccabeus, which terminated in a Jewish victory in 3596, (165 B.C.).

The 25th of Kislev is again a prominent date. On this day Judas Maccabeus, being victorious, cleansed the temple and probably unintentionally instituted the unofficial holiday of "CHANUKAH", the "Feast of Lights".

The Talmud tells us that, in the desecration of the temple, most of the oil used in rituals had been lost. Only one crucible of oil remained. It appeared there was only enough oil to light the lamp for one day. Miraculously it lasted eight days.

Traditionally the lamp or "CHANUKAH" used in this unofficial celebration has either eight or nine receptacles for holding oil. The most familiar to us has nine. The center one stands high and is called the 'Shamus' or policeman. It is lighted first and from it are lighted the others. On the first day the Shamus and one other are lighted. On each subsequent day another is lighted until on the eighth day they all glow.

"CHANUKAH" often coincides with the Christian Christmas Season and it has been said the lighting of Christmas Candles is derived from "Chanukah, the Festival of Lights."

(This article was printed in the Jan. 1968 issue of "Western Coin Collector").

HOW FLAGSTAFF GOT ITS NAME

By H. C. Schmal

There are many versions of how Flagstaff was named. We shall name a few. One version is that in 1876, a group of scouts for a wagon train camped in a valley, near a spring, in which a lone pine tree stood. The legend states the scouts cut the branches off the tree and raised the American flag and so created a "Flagstaff." Al Doyle of Flagstaff, in an undated article, states the date was May, 1876. Still another account credits Lt. E. E. Beale's men in raising the flag in 1859. Many other stories differ as to date and people, but all seem to agree on the 'Flagstaff' part.

Flagstaff, like many other towns of the west, started out with just one building. In this case it was a saloon run by Ed Whipple in 1871, at what was later to be known as Flagstaff Spring. His first neighbor was F. F. McMillen who settled in 1876 at what he called Antelope Springs, just north of Flagstaff.

The town was called 'Old Town Springs' in 1883, but was changed to Flagstaff in 1884 when the location was moved a few blocks away.

On the elongated coin that commemorates the 'Northern Arizona Coin Club's' first show, June 13, 1965, the mountains in the background are the San Francisco Peaks. The large wheels are those that were used in early day logging. A large axe is alongside the "Flagstaff". The HCS is for H. C. Schmal the designer. Don Dow is the artist and the elongateds are produced by Dottie Dow of Arizona Elongateds.

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FD-FI ELONGATED A NUMISMATIC FIRST

Commemorating 99 Co.'s 1st Annual Convention

By Hal Silene

One of the reasons for the success of the First Annual First Day-First Issue Cover Convention held October 27-28th in San Clemente, Calif., can be attributed to the production of the first elongated to appear in this new form. People at the convention and customers of the 99 Company were delighted with them. Collectors present at the convention were presented with the cover with a black bar cancellation denoting "First Annual FD-FI Convention, '67." Those not in attendance were sent the same cover only with a red bar cancel. So the usage of the elongated in FD-FI form has a variety right from the start. It is hoped by 99 Enterprises that many more elongateds will be used in the FD-FI form in the future. We know of one that will quite definitely be used, and that is the one for next years convention of FD-FI collectors.

For those of you who are not yet familiar with the new hobby concept of First Day-First Issue cover collecting, it started about a year and a half ago in the form that it now represents. Earlier on March 3rd of 1964, John Miles Baker, originator of the concept, glued two Kennedy Halves on the outside of two envelopes. He then put the proper number of stamps on the covers to carry them through registration at the post office department, and mailed them to himself. This was the day in 1964 that the Kennedy Halves were released.

These two covers represent the only known way of supporting the fact that anyone has a First Day of Issue Kennedy Half. One of these first two covers sold at auction at the convention for \$2,000. That's right, two big ones!

The idea of commemorating the First Day of a coins' issue began in earnest on October 11, 1965 with the world-wide release of the Churchill Crown. By this time Mr. Baker had moved from Ohio to San Clemente, California and had gone into partnership with the idea with Hal Silene, coin and stamp dealer in that city. With Mr. Silene's packaging refinements, which included the coins inside rather than outside the package, the 99 Coin Company was born and was ready to present the new hobby to the world. The First offerings were the Churchill Crown, the Nov. 1, 1965 issuance of the first clad quarter, and the Jan. 6, 1966 release of the entire Canadian Set.

Since that time, over 65 issues have been produced around the world. Countries included are U.S., Canada, Australia, Ireland, Jamaica, Thailand, China, Mexico, Japan, British Honduras, Tonga and Samoa. Many varieties in these issues have occurred, in some of these countries, creating quite rare and short issues. The first set of Australian varieties offered, 78 complete sets of 12 each, sold out in 4 days at \$60. per set. These were offered in November, one year ago. Today the 99 Company is bidding \$200.00 for the set and nobody seems to be selling.

First Day-First Issue cover collecting has one attraction that is usually appealing

(FD-FI ELONGATED A NUMISMATIC FIRST (Cont.))

to all collectors. That is the fact that, other than the varieties, a collector can still be complete from the number 1, The Churchill Crown to date, something very difficult to achieve in any other branch of the hobby.

99 Enterprises wishes to express their appreciation to your ELONGATED GAL, Dottie Dow, for the cooperation she has given in the production of the convention elongated. The cover was post marked on the first day of the convention using the United States' first stamps of an intregal design using the se tenant method. The elongated itself represents a post mark using the date of the convention. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we have been allowed to make the Elongated Collector a recipient of this cover. Hope you will enjoy adding it to your collection.

Hal Silene, 99 Enterprises (TEC# 291)

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TEC NEEDS BIDS FOR 1968 CONVENTION BADGE

TEC's 2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF., AUG. 20-24, in conjunction with the ANA Convention.

WE NEED A CONVENTION BADGE.

We would like all Elongated Manufacturers that are interested in helping their Club, to submit bids & designs. This is one way your club can make a little money to help put out a good Newsletter.

The Badges for TEC's 1st Annual Convention, in Aug., 1967, cost TEC just under \$105.00 for all 271 Badges made. This included the cost of the pins and ribbons and the Canadian Quarters that were rolled. The Engraving costs, the stamping with Members #'s and the labor of rolling of the elongateds, and the soldering of the ring, so it wouldn't come loose from the ribbon, were all donated by Lloyd Wagaman. The work of sewing all the pins to the ribbons, all by hand, (and done so beautifully), was done by Lloyd's wife, Alberta. TEC's treasury was low, and we couldn't afford much, but thanks to their combined efforts, we have a badge we can always be proud of, and also we are getting a little extra money in the treasury. We have enough so we can afford to get the ribbons and pins already put together so it won't be as much work for the next person who volunteers to do the Convention Badge for 1968.

I am eliminating myself, as I shall be making TEC's Membership Coins for 1968.

I am not appointing a Committee on this until all bids and offers are in. The person whose bid is accepted will be the Chairman of the Committee.

BIDS AND DESIGNS MAY BE SENT TO ME, (Dottie Dow, Box 5238, Phoenix, Ariz. 85010), and I in turn will submit them to the board for approval.

ALL BIDS MUST BE IN BY FEB. 15, 1968, as this will be just 6 months till the Convention.

I do hope a lot of Elongated Manufacturers will offer to help their club. I like to feel that TEC has a lot of "DOERS" and not just a lot of "TALKERS".

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WELL, this is my last newsletter as Editor of TEC NEWS, I see we ended up with only 47 pages for the year, I was hoping for 50. We would have had a lot more pages if I had used a typewriter with Large Type. It's surprising how much fits on a page when you use small type (Compare the difference sometime).

I hope you have all enjoyed reading your newsletters, as much as I have enjoyed doing them for you. (My daughter was surprised at how much my typing speed has increased in the last year. Practice makes perfect - they say - but oh, if only the typewriter could only spell better).

I will still be in charge of Publicity, so if anyone has anything they think we should send to the different Numismatic Publications, please let me know.

Elongatedly yours,

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